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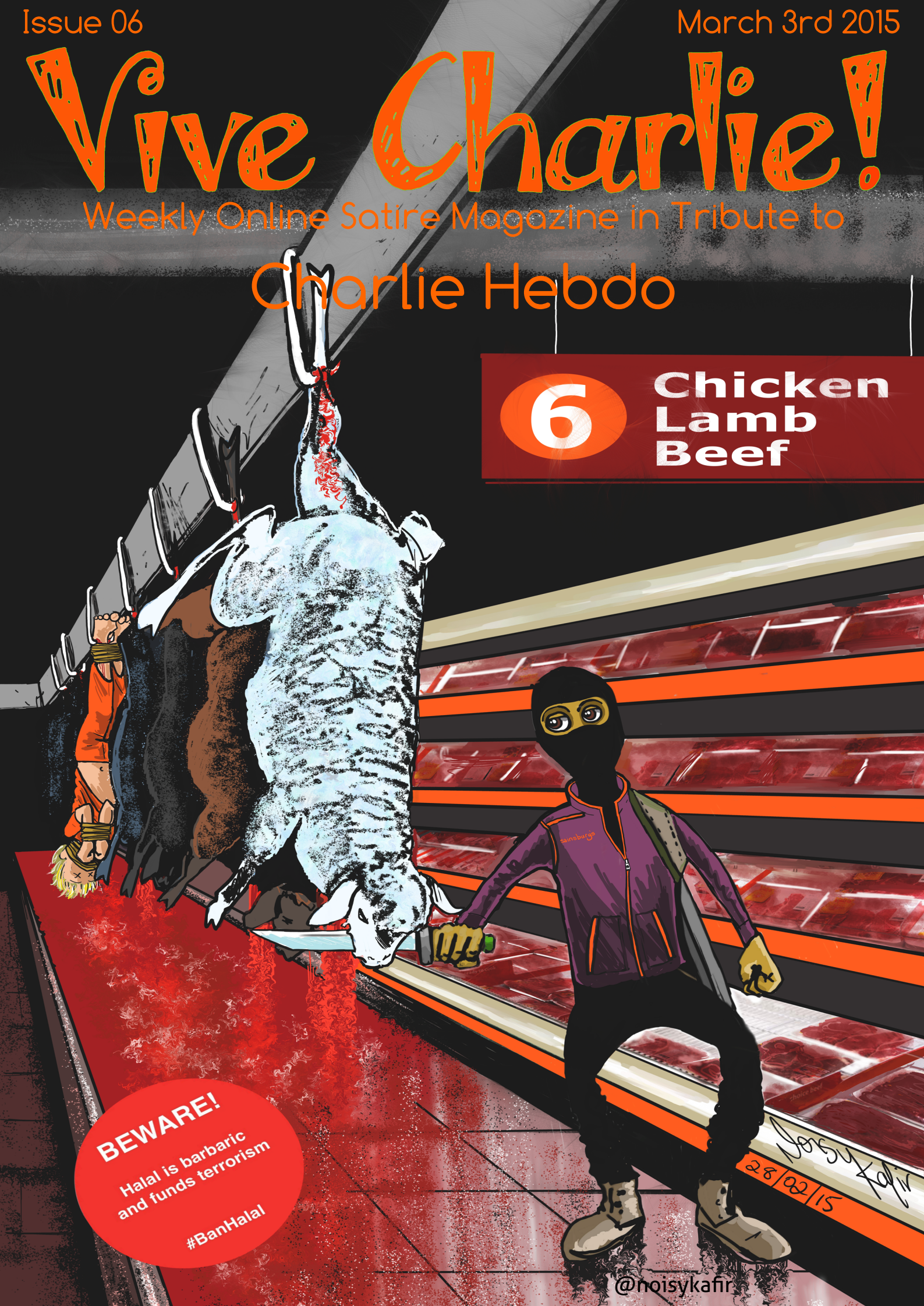

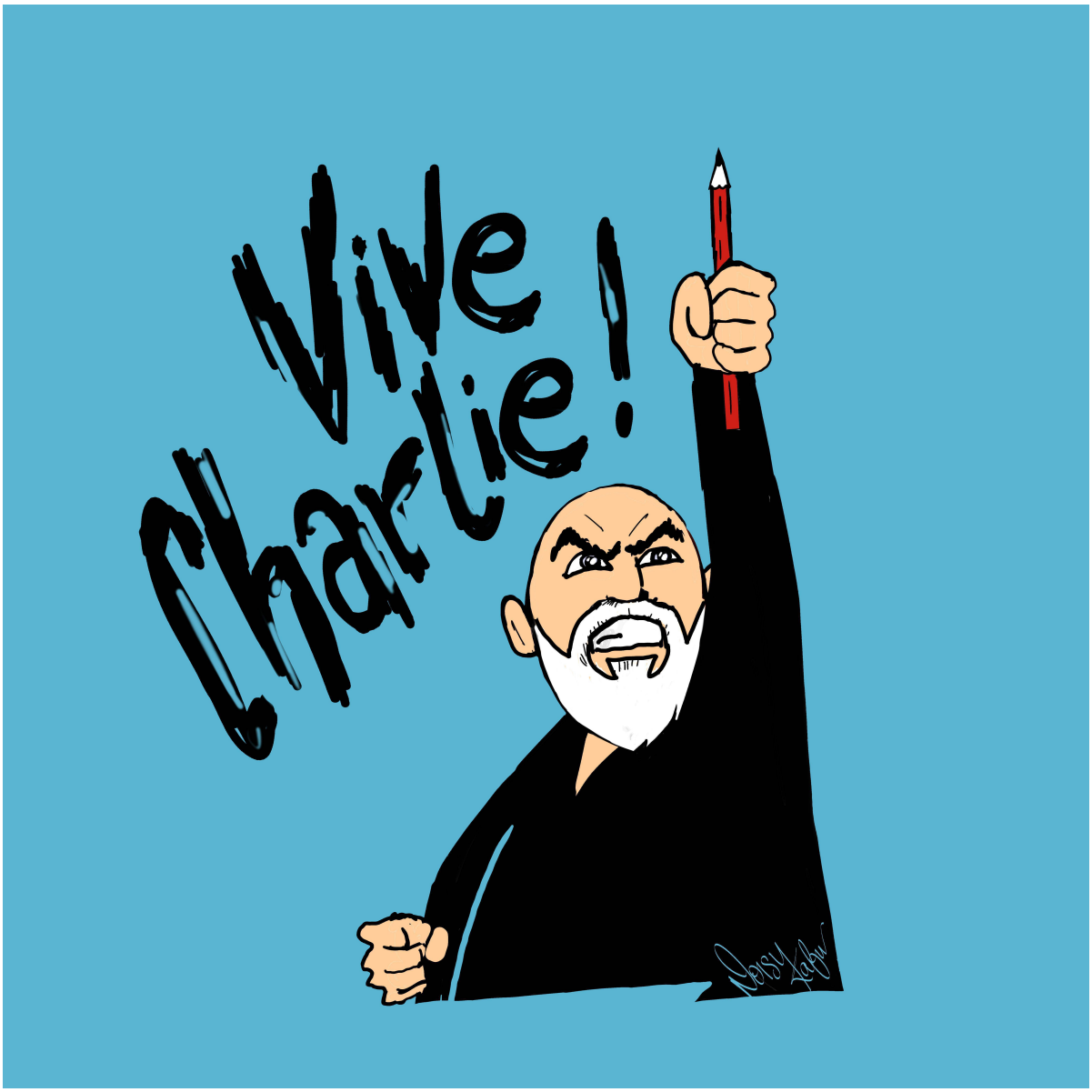

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Britain's Vilest Troll - Daily Mail. Award winning Columnist, Satirist, Libertarian legend. Champion of Free Speech and a Free Society.

The Poverty of Aspiration

I can't stand it. The airwaves, social media and the papers are full of stories of "poverty" in the UK, much teeth gnashing by Fabians and the Righteous Left that living standards are falling and people are being squeezed. Horrific stories of homeowners having to revert back to one car, cut back on the gym membership and cook their own food. For goodness' sake, where will it all end?

Put simply, it will end with a return to a natural balance of earned income versus self declared social entitlements, savings versus debt, graft versus credit.

Unemployment Benefit, Tax Credits, Council Tax rebates. I'm sorry but no one starves in this country - quite the contrary - we have an epidemic of bloated spoiled land whales waddling to their taxpayer funded taxis to get their fat arses to primary school where they will be indoctrinated by hairy-lipped Guardian readers that they have "special needs" that only the all powerful state can address. Our Welfare State, at huge public expense, ensures that no matter how tough times are, generations of families can exist where no one works or has ever worked in a household. Even beggars own Pay As You Go iPhones and our once barefoot and stick thin street urchins are now clad in Nike and Arsenal away shirts. The unemployed can own and drive cars to pick up the weekly shop of ready meals from Iceland or the local union run foodbank before they settle in for a budget busting night of Premiership football on Sky Sports, all paid for by you and me. In the meantime, in the background, five million immigrants, who REALLY know what poverty means are up at 5am to pick carrots from a windswept Lincolnshire field or prepare kebabs for the unemployed to gorge on after a night of binge drinking Red Bull and vodka.

"57% of Tower Hamlets lives in poverty!" the headlines scream. No, they don't. Tower Hamlets has the highest proportion of Bangladeshi citizens outside of Bangladesh and trust me, they know where they outside of Bangladesh and trust me, they know where they would rather be. Try raising a family of nine when you have to pay the rent or medical bills yourself. It is no coincidence that there is still a queue at Sangatte of willing and able young men from Africa and the Middle East trying to gain access to a country where our own citizens are paid £1.65 an hour to sit on the sofa all day because an employer is not allowed to pay them less than minimum wage even though a boiled potato has more skills. People come to Britain to escape poverty, not wallow in it.

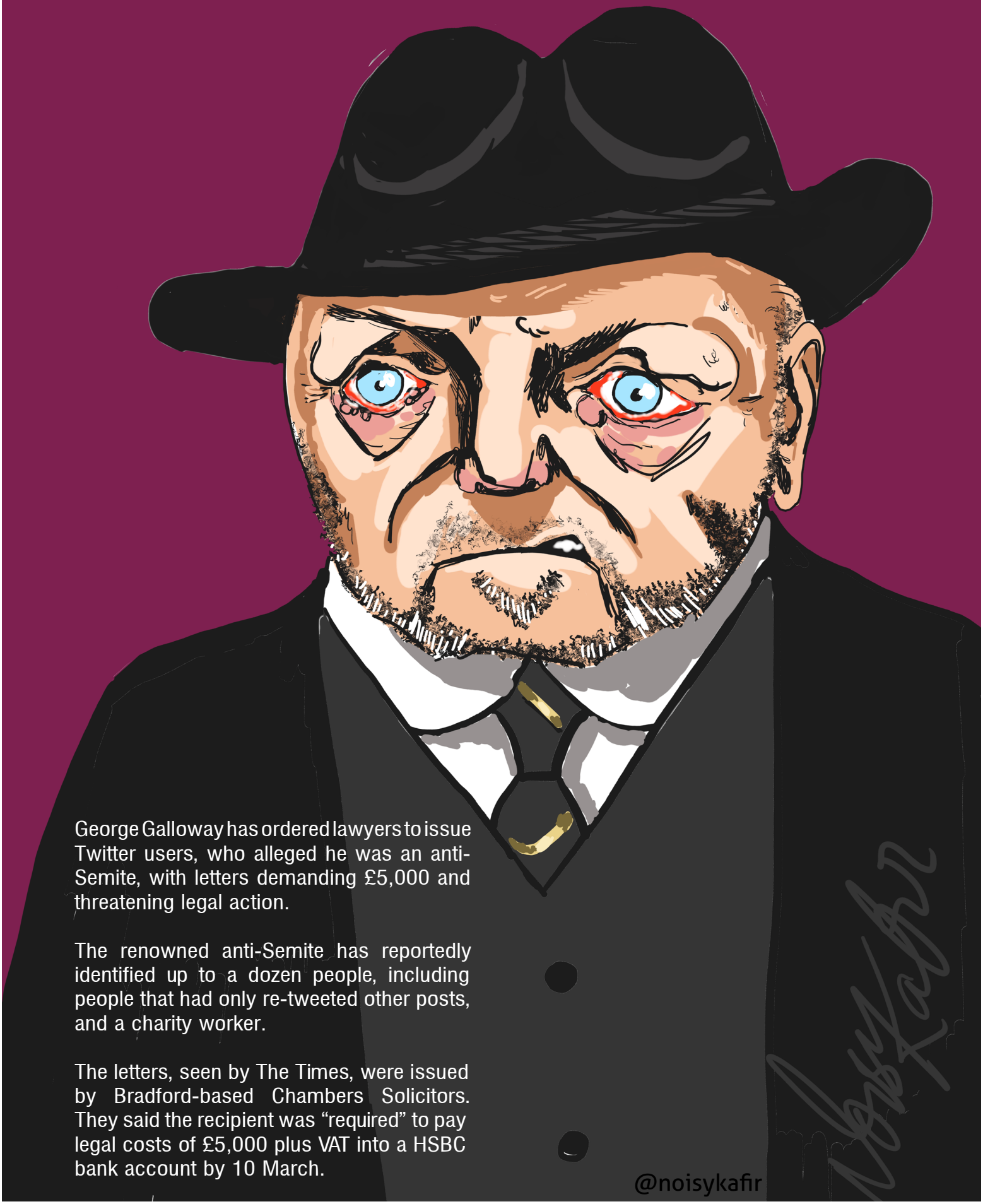
Poverty is relative, they declare. Quite right, it is. In Monaco or Mayfair, I would be classed as a poor man, or "living in poverty" as I shopped for fresh vegetables in the local market rather than having them delivered in a hamper from Fortnum and Mason. The locals would look on from their Ferraris in pity as I bought toilet paper from a supermarket, wondering perhaps if I was on an errand from my master.

Our world is upside down. Because the rich can eat diamonds for lunch, we should all eat diamonds for lunch because somehow we are entitled to it? Because an iPad exists, it should be the law for all to own iPads? Reiki massage and aromatherapy for pets, all on the NHS, because what others have, we must have - as long as someone else pays, of course.

You will know when there is REAL poverty in the country. The immigrants, ready and willing to work, to do the jobs our taxes pay our own citizens not to do, will up sticks and leave. They will decline to take social housing because the standard has become worse than what they were accustomed to back home. People will actually grow food and eat it, rather than have it delivered piping hot to the front door during X Factor by someone moonlighting from the dole to pay for the petrol for his new Citroen Saxo paint tin exhaust.

Poverty? Bring it on. If it means an end to rampant consumerism, crippling debt and the power of politicians and corporations over us, the sooner, the better.

I'M NOT ANTI-SEMITIC, I ONCE MET A JEW!



George Galloway has ordered lawyers to issue Twitter users, who alleged he was an anti-Semite, with letters demanding £5,000 and threatening legal action.

The renowned anti-Semite has reportedly identified up to a dozen people, including people that had only re-tweeted other posts, and a charity worker.

The letters, seen by The Times, were issued by Bradford-based Chambers Solicitors. They said the recipient was “required” to pay legal costs of £5,000 plus VAT into a HSBC bank account by 10 March.

Draw Mohammed Day

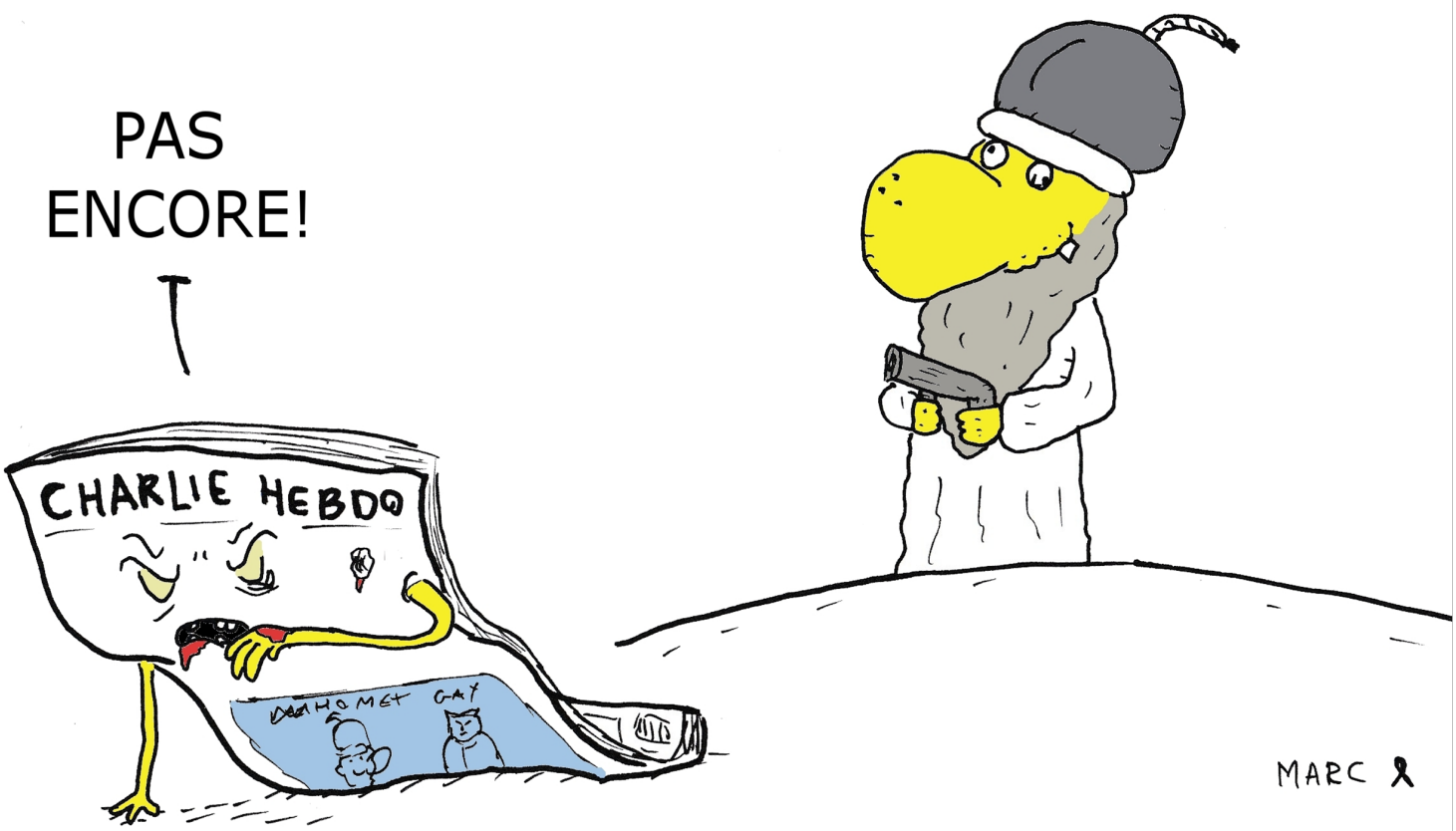
May 20th 2015

In response to the Paris and Copenhagen terrorist attacks we have launched a 'Draw Mohammed' competition.

We invite you to submit your depictions of Mohammed to vivecharlie@mail.com. Each week we will publish our favourite, which will go into our final, from which a winner will be selected on or around the 20th of May.

The winner will be invited to email us a photo and we will transform you into a cartoon character and feature you in an issue of Vive Charlie.

Our favourite this week is from "Mugworth"



Do all religions suffer from the same misinterpretation problems that blight Islam?

Perhaps it's time that all religious scriptures, traditions and cultural practices be scrutinised, sanitised and signed off for use in the modern world so they can no longer be used as an excuse

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Why a Muhammad Cartoon Contest? by Robert Spencer

Je Suis Charlie? Really? Let's see.

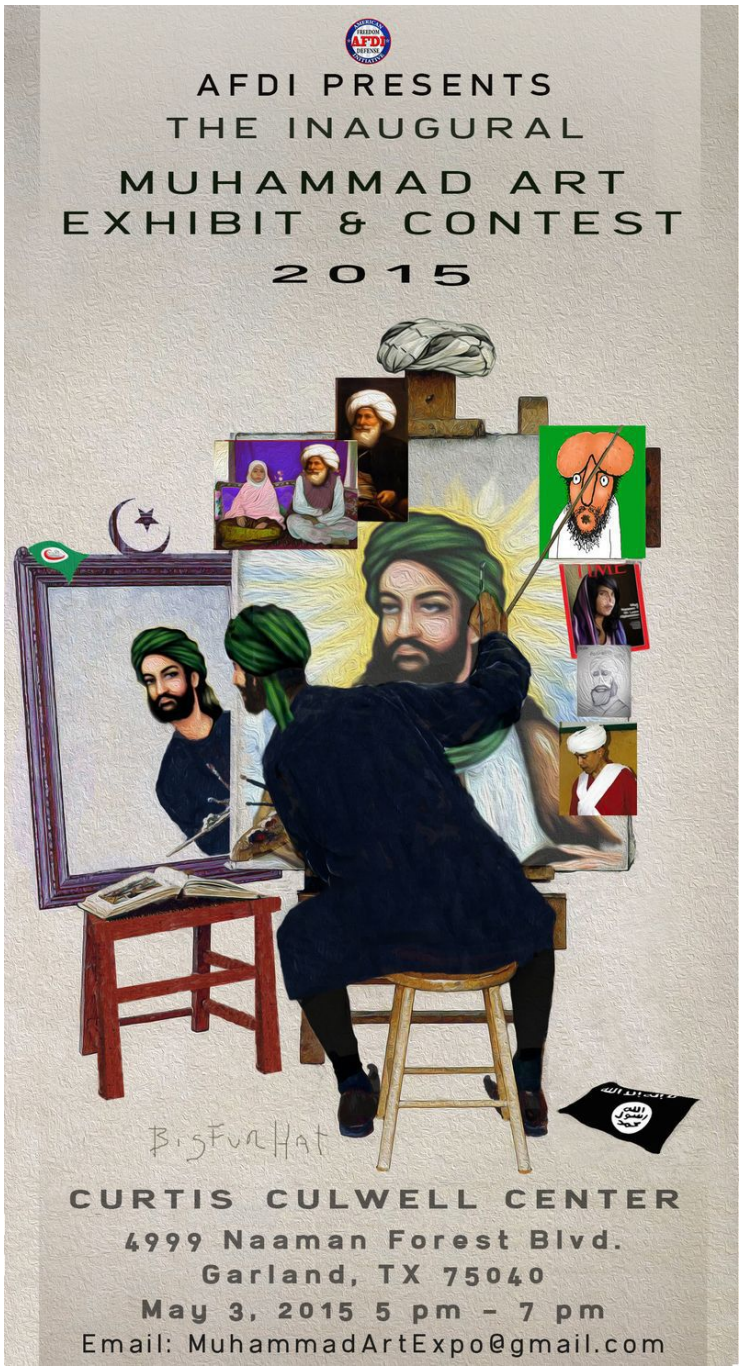
On May 3 in Garland, Texas, Pamela Geller and I are hosting a Muhammad Art Exhibit and Cartoon Contest, featuring Muslim images of Muhammad dating back to the Middle Ages, plus some of the recent cartoon images of Muhammad that have been blamed for riots and murders in Muslim countries. At that event, we'll announce the winner of our $10,000 contest for a new cartoon of the Muslim prophet, and unveil that cartoon and other notable Contest entries.

On January 7, 2015, Islamic jihad gunmen murdered twelve people in the Paris offices of the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo. One of the jihad murderers in Paris shouted, "We have avenged the prophet Muhammad." In response, people all over the West, including many journalists, adopted the slogan "Je Suis Charlie," standing in solidarity with the victims and in defense of the freedom of speech.

Words, however, are easy. Backing them up with actions was tougher, as was vividly illustrated when many of those who were loudly proclaiming "Je suis Charlie" did not follow up their declarations of solidarity by republishing the Charlie Hebdo Muhammad cartoons, or any others. Instead, they retreated into an uncomfortable silence, cowed by the deaths in Paris into submitting to the Sharia blasphemy laws that the Charlie Hebdo cartoonists were murdered for violating.

They weren't alone. Most of the mainstream media outlets of what used to be called the "Free World" readily censored themselves, in accord with Barack Obama's words several weeks after the Charlie Hebdo massacre: "And if, in fact, we defend the legal right of a person to insult another's religion, we're equally obligated to use our free speech to condemn such insults -- and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with religious communities, particularly religious minorities who are the targets of such attacks."

This sounds expansive and open-minded, but only to those who do not stop to consider the implications of Obama's words. No one is interested in gratuitously



insulting Muslims or any other group. The problem is that when a group can claim to be insulted in order to silence another group, the foundations of a free society are shaken. Which group is going to be protected from insult? And is that group not a protected class, sheltered from the criticism to which everyone else is subject?

Barack Obama's sly attacks on the freedom of speech insult me, but I would be the last person to call for restrictions upon his ability to air them. "Insult" is in

the eye of the beholder — or more precisely, in the eye of those who make such determinations. The powerful can decide to silence the powerless by classifying their views as "insulting" and "hate speech." The Founding Fathers knew that the freedom of speech was an essential safeguard against tyranny: the ability to dissent, freely and publicly and without fear of imprisonment or other reprisal, is a cornerstone of any genuine republic. If some ideas cannot be heard and are proscribed from above, the ones in control are tyrants, however benevolent they may be.

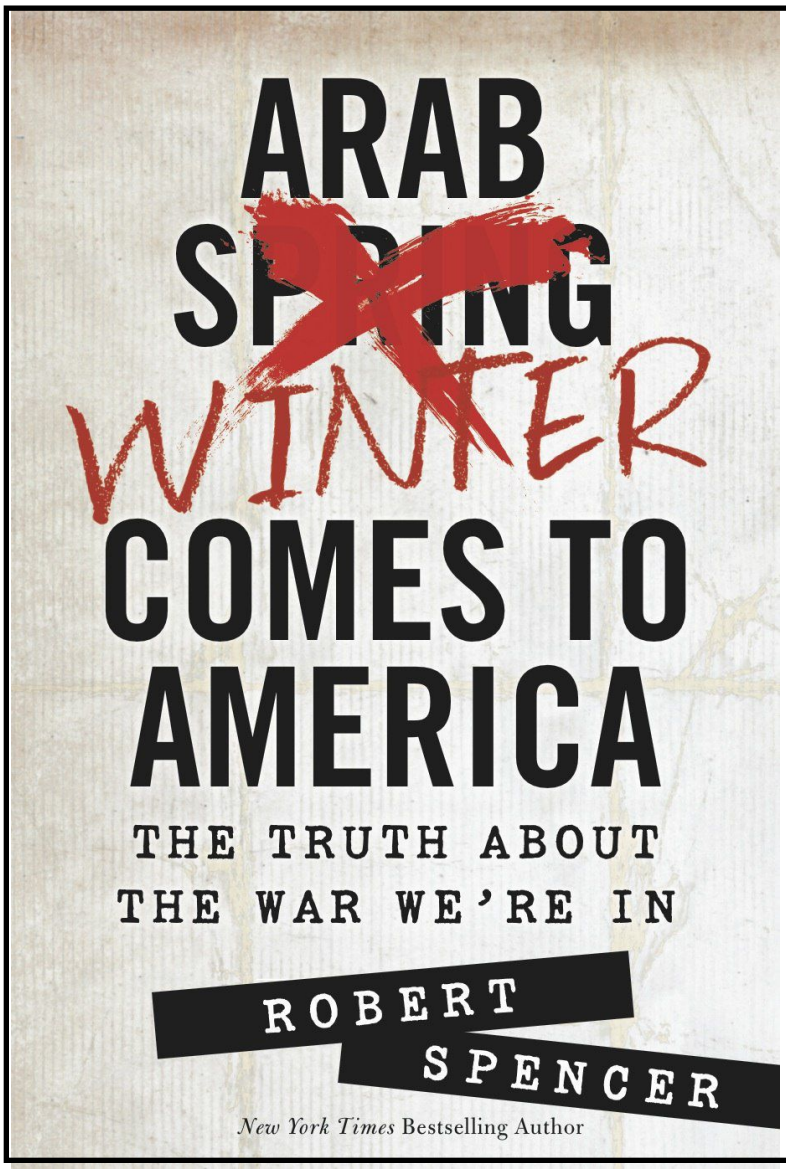
Now, as twelve people have been gunned down by Islamic jihadists in Paris, instead of defenses of the freedom of speech and explanations of why it is important, we have had more self-censorship from the Western media. Charlie Hebdo has been blamed for being needlessly provocative as the media has lined up to submit to Sharia blasphemy laws, refraining from saying or doing anything that Muslims would find offensive -- including, of course, honest discussion about how Islamic jihadists use Islamic texts and teachings to justify things like the Charlie Hebdo massacre.

This is the time to say, "Enough." As Pamela Geller says, "They're just cartoons." Indeed. The idea that anyone would murder someone over them is as absurd as it is evil. The related idea that free people must cower before this violent intimidation is a recipe for the death of free society itself.

This is the time to say, We are going to stand for the freedom of speech. The capacity to be offended and not respond with violence is essential to a pluralisticsociety, and the freedom of speech itself is our foremost protection against tyranny that would do whatever it willed and crush all dissent.

That's why our Muhammad Art Exhibit and Cartoon Contest is so important: it is a blow for civilization against savagery, and a stand for pluralism and tolerance against violent thuggery. Will you stand with us? It is time for all free people to stand, or free speech will be lost, and when it is lost, all will be lost. Submit? I'd rather die, on my feet.

Get tickets to our Muhammad Art Exhibit and Cartoon Contest here.



Overlooked by our media, purposely obscured by our own government, and unnoticed by the vast majority of Americans, the turmoil of the Islamic world's "Arab Spring" has become an "Arab Winter," bringing new threats of terror to America. New York Times bestselling author Robert Spencer, an expert on Islam and terrorism, reveals why America is shockingly unequipped to face this threat. In Arab Winter Comes to America: The Truth about the War We're In, you'll learn why the Obama administration has opted to appease rather than confront Islamic extremists in the United States; how Muslim organizations are pressuring witnesses to terror crimes not to cooperate with authorities; why the Justice Department has buried select news stories; and much, much more.

The "Arab Spring" uncorked a jihadist genie in North Africa and the Middle East. It is about to wreak its mayhem here, with renewed terrorism. Americans need to inform themselves of the threat and ensure that their elected government in Washington takes action. Robert Spencer's Arab Winter Comes to America sounds the alarm and shows what needs to be done. It is essential reading.

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London Calling

The hunt is on for Jihadi John and David Cameron is facing an election. We've tracked down a transcript of a call David Cameron made last weekend.

"Hello... Is that John? Jihadi John?

"Ah sorry. Yes I do realise you're not called John and that you're real name is Mohammed. Would you mind if I called you Mo? Listen, Mo... it's David Cameron here. Call me Dave, if you like. I got your number from GCHQ and thought I'd give you a quick call to see how things are going. Is now a good time? I could call back but seems a shame since this is an excellent phone line.

"Now listen, Mo. I'll be perfectly honest with you. I'm in a bit of a bind right now, what with the election coming up and the immigration figures going through the roof – oh please don't quote me on that – I'm in need of a small favour so I can have an 'early win' and get that greasy fellow Farage off my back.

"Now it occurred to me that you're in a spot of bother too. I mean, now the Daily Mail has blabbed your identity all over its front page, it's going to be a bit difficult for you to come back from Syria for a holiday or a change of scene. Yes I know they make stuff up... they do it all the time. Frankly the papers are beastly and we are trying to limit the freedom of the press but there's not much we can do about it at the moment.

"Anyway, I was thinking that, since you're a dead man walking, so to speak, and as I'm sure you don't really believe all that martyrdom guff about having 72 virgins waiting for you in Heaven... I mean, they're probably mostly grannies, if indeed they exist at all. So I was thinking you could probably do with a bit of an exit strategy right now. I should also warn you that the Yanks are on your case. They're jolly cross and they're a bit handy at finding people. To be honest, I wouldn't be surprised if it wasn't too long before a Navy Seal

is knocking on your cave door; before you know it there will be a red dot shining on the space between your eyes and then it's 'Goodnight Aleppo'.

"Well exactly... they aren't at all squeamish about taking people out over things like beheadings. Come to think of it, you're not all that squeamish yourself, are you? But look... that's not entirely your fault, Mo. I do realise you were radicalised because your parents were silly enough to take you from Kuwait to London. If you were still in Kuwait none of this would ever have happened. I do feel partly responsible, as I should have cracked down on these radicals before now.

"Yes I know, Mo. We should have done more but the Saudis kept on buying our weapons and they bought

up most of Mayfair too; then the Qatari's bought Harrods and most of Knightsbridge. To be honest, I thought it would have appeared a bit petty to come down too hard on the Islamists. Still, that's all in the past now and we need to find a safe way of getting you out of this pickle you're in while making me look good before the election.

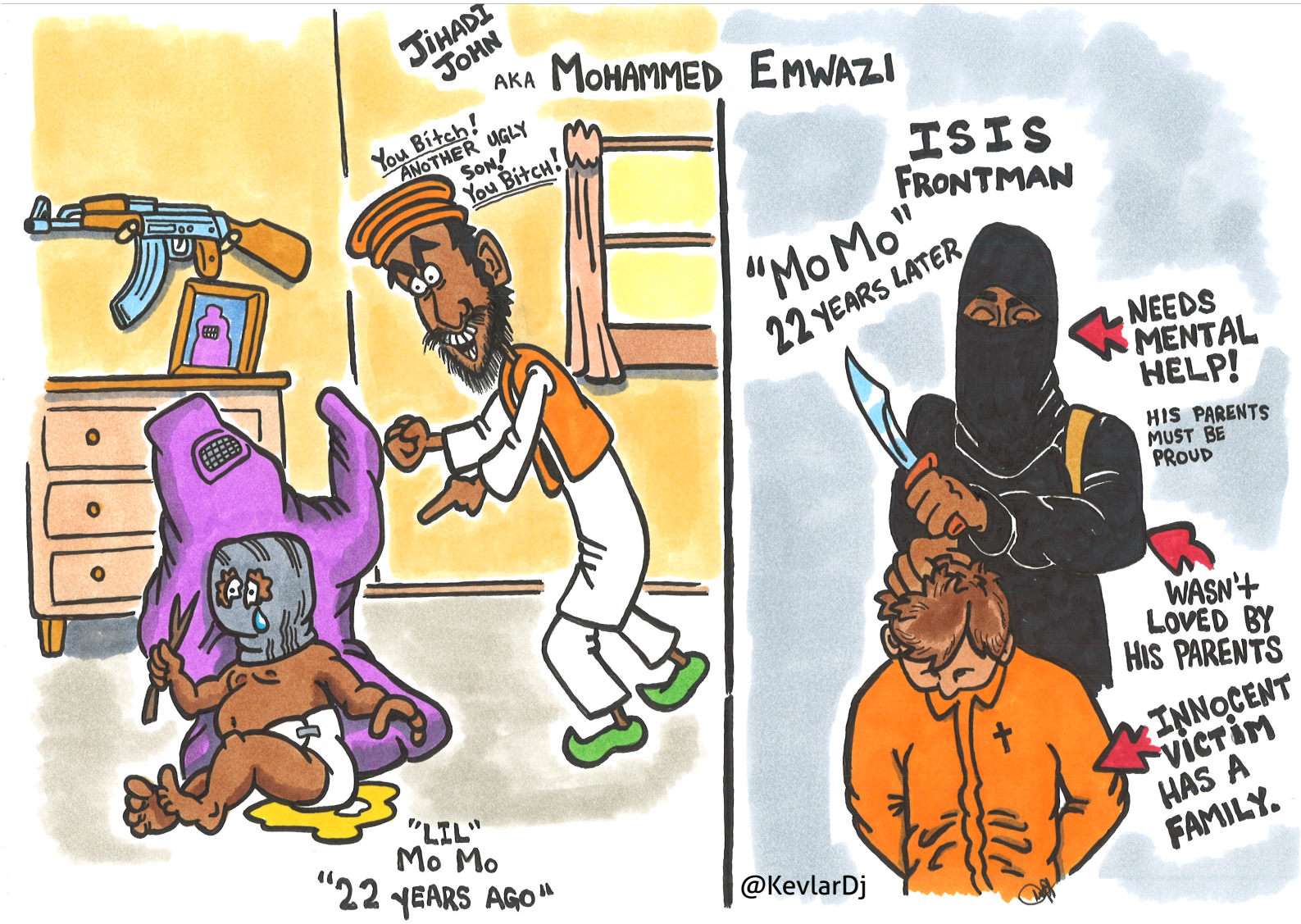
"So here's the deal... if you can make your way to Corfu, I'll get a one-way ticket on EasyJet sent out to you. I'm sorry I can't arrange any private transport but we've had some savage cutbacks at the Foreign Office, mostly thanks to austerity. There's simply not enough cash in the kitty for a private jet to bring you back. However, I could probably offer you Priority Boarding, some checked in luggage and a bacon bapto sweeten the deal. How does that sound? Then you get yourself back to London and I'll have a couple of Theresa's chaps meet you at Gatwick and take you to a safe house.

"I thought we could have a little debrief first and then you can help us draw up a statement saying how sorry you are and how it was all a big misunderstanding and how you really love England and then we can move on to the trial. Well, I say trial but it would probably be more of a friendly chat with a judge. I can make sure that you get a light prison sentence and we'll fix you up with your own room in one of our private jails. Actually, I had a look round one the other day and they really are jolly good. Lovely and warm, and you get your own duvet to snuggle under at night, there's a PlayStation in every room, priority healthcare and the nosh is terrific. I had a meal with the governor and itreally was top-notch grub. The apple crumble was to die for and there's a choice of halal meats and they don't serve pork, as a mark of respect.

"So if you felt able to come back I can guarantee your safety. You get out of that Islamic hellhole and I get a bit of good publicity right before the election. I think we're talking about a ten-year sentence, Mo... but if your de-radicalisation goes well you could get early release and we could probably find you a job in the Home Office.

"Excellent... well why don't you have a think about it? There's a bit of time pressure at my end but you've got my mobile number. Maybe chat it over with a friend and give me a bell back if you're up for it.

"Okay Mo. I'll wait to hear from you."



JIHADI JOHN

It's OK akhi we all know you are the real victim here. You were radicalised by harassment from the Security Services and driven to this

No akhi, you radicalised me with stories of Muslim oppression, don't you remember? The Security Services crap was just the excuse you said you were going to use when I fully embraced Islam and became a soldier of Allah, just like you instructed me

We've been saying you were a beautiful young man radicalised by harrassment, blaming the kafir and the suckers are buying it

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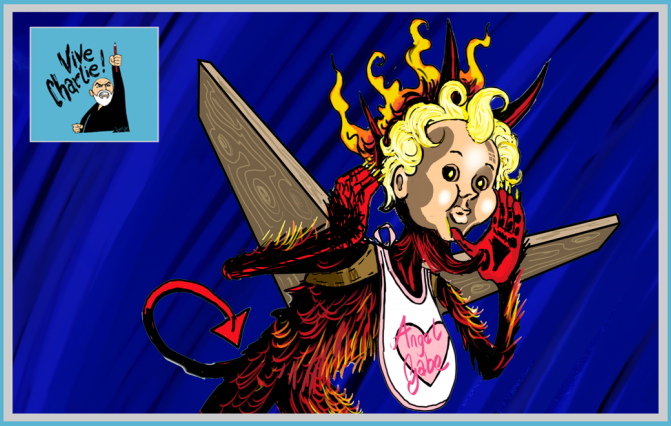
Lucifer



Lucifer stars in Muslamic Whispers disguised as Angel Gabriel. He advises Moe on the best way to secure global domination.

SPECIAL SKILL	Deceiving an illiterate cave dwelling pedophile into thinking he is Gabriel	96
WEAPON OF CHOICE	Mask, bib and wooden wings	99
STRENGTH	Able to outwit an imbecile	100
WEAKNESS	Goes over the top and ended up creating a genocidal death cult	5

Boyleybacca

Boyleybacca stars in Speech Wars as Bill Solo's sidekick. He is a member of the Secular Alliance.

SPECIAL SKILL	Beard grooming	88
WEAPON OF CHOICE	Beard trimmer	88
STRENGTH	Rarely speaks	50
WEAKNESS	Rarely speaks	50

Dougie Skywalker

Dougie is the apprentice of Yoda Harris and a swashbuckling member of the Secular Alliance

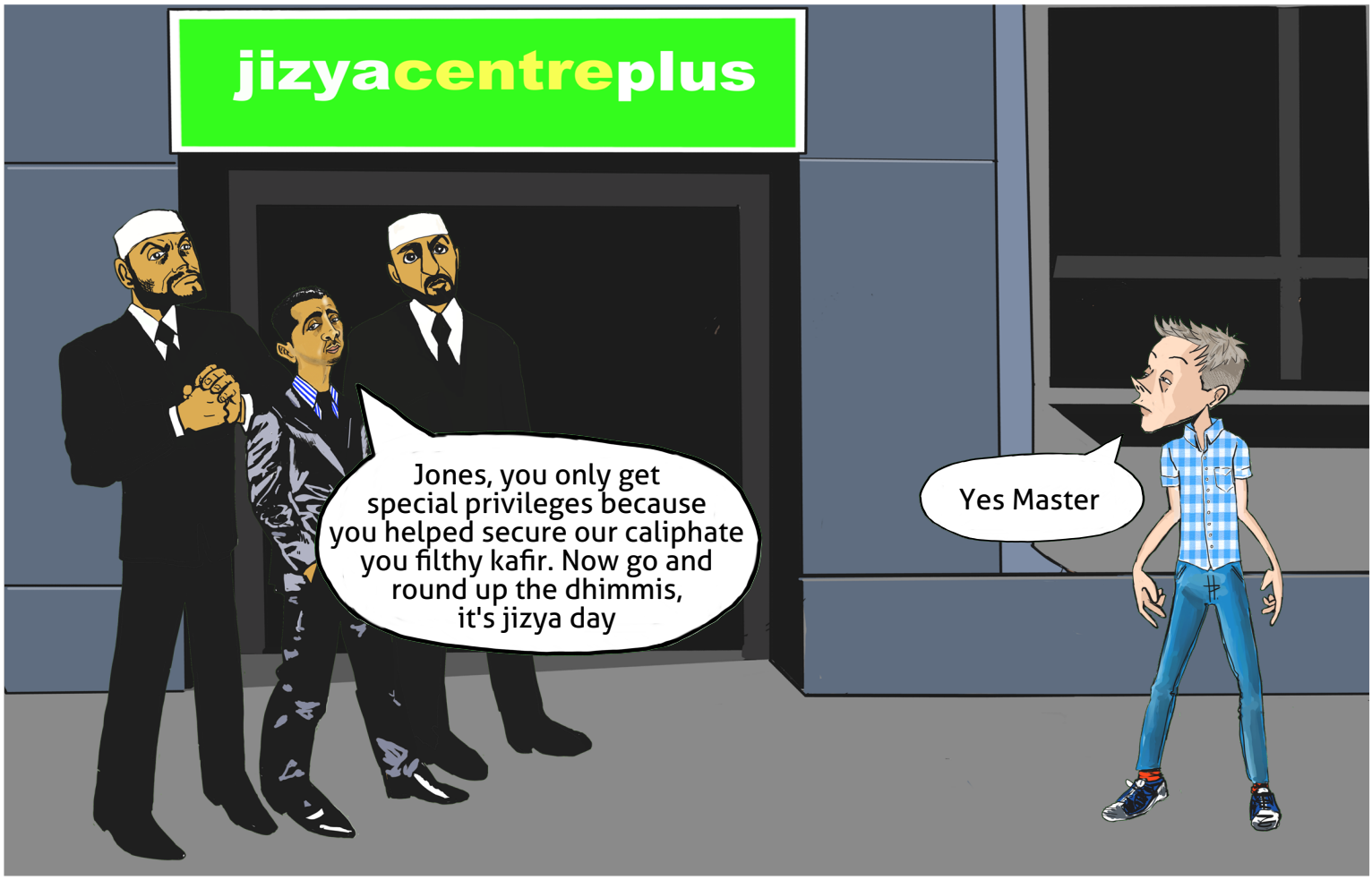
SPECIAL SKILL	Making Muslamic apologists and useful idots look stupid on live TV	92
WEAPON OF CHOICE	The Force	75
STRENGTH	Ability to see through bullshit and religious dogma	99
WEAKNESS	Far too tolerant given the lack of tolerance of those he opposes	35

One True God Allan

Allan is the One True God that uses his wisdom and experience to guide Moe, making him the perfect Muslim

SPECIAL SKILL	Being an all knowing and all wise, merciful God that burns off people's skin	3
WEAPON OF CHOICE	Exploitation	85
STRENGTH	Being the imaginary friend of a genocidal pervert with no brain	98
WEAKNESS	Thinking a genocidal pervert could be trusted with his commands	

Gizya Jizya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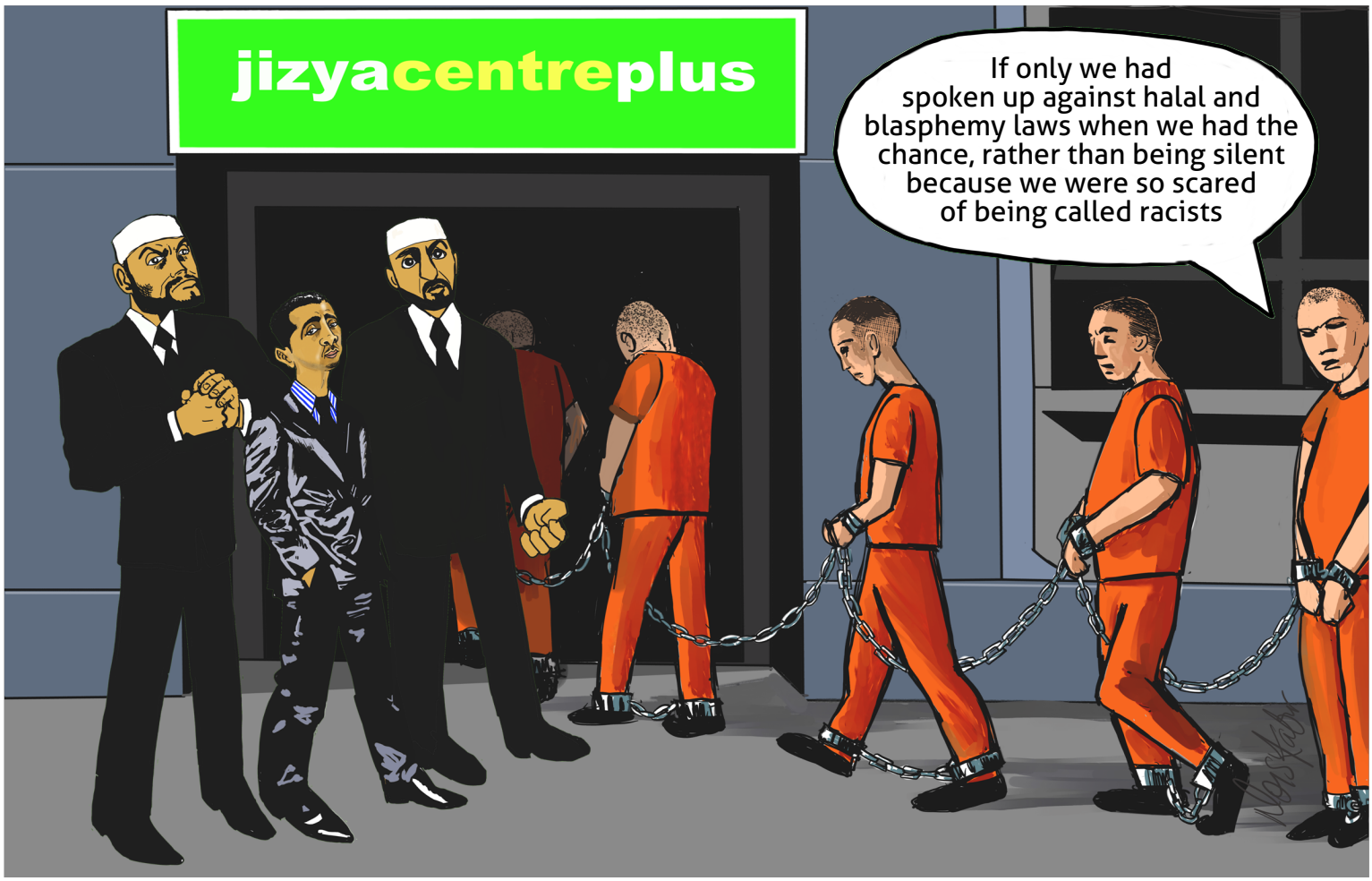
Jones, you only get special privileges because you helped secure our caliphate you filthy kafir. Now go and round up the dhimmis, it's jizya day
Yes Master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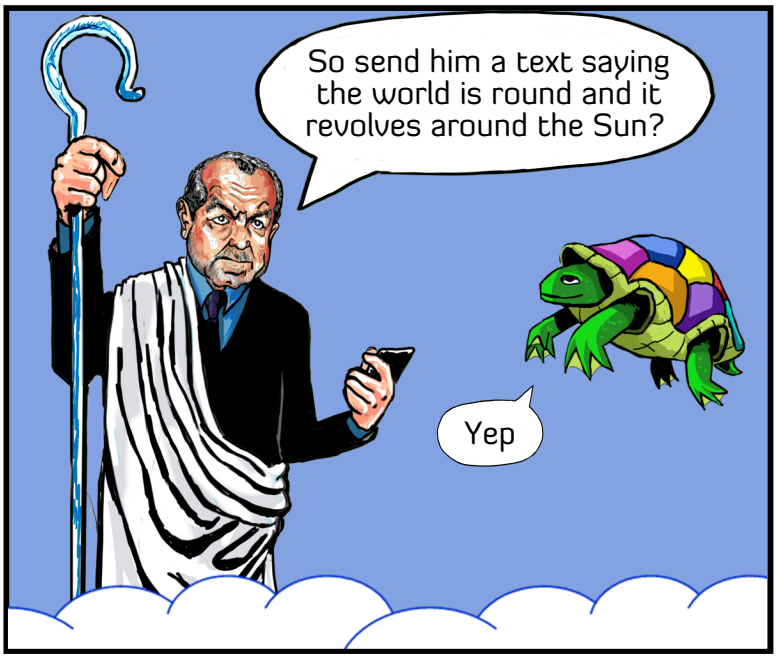
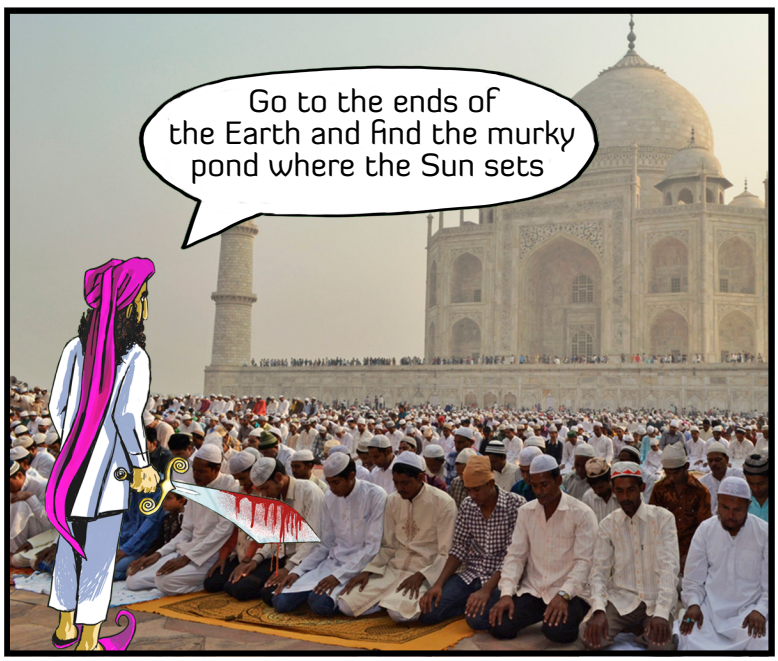
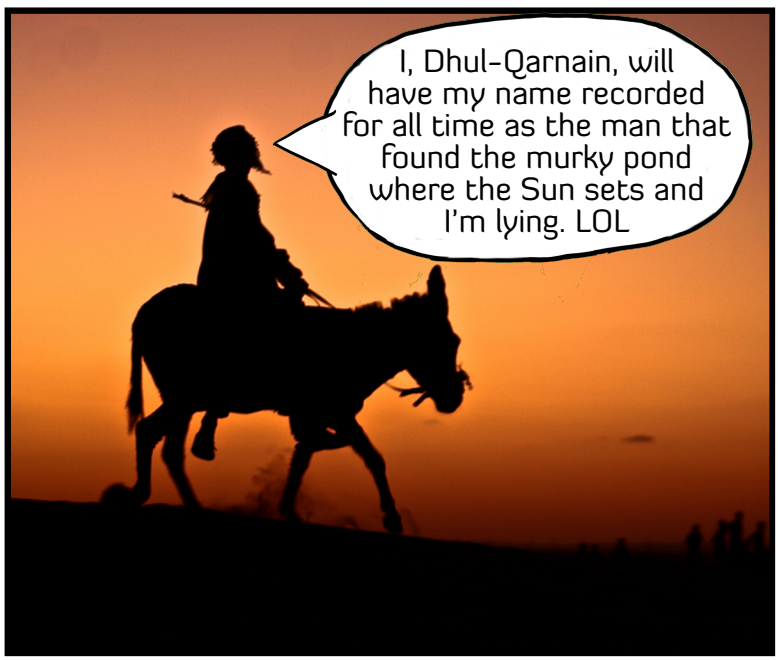
If only we had spoken up against halal and blasphemy laws when we had the chance, rather than being silent because we were so scared of being called racists

Muslamic Whispers







Fatwa of the week With Imam Tomeh

Snowmen

A prominent religious scholar in Saudi Arabia has issued a fatwa against building snowmen, stating the practice is not acceptable to Islam.

Mohammad Saleh Al Minjed said people must not build any snowmen or snow models of animals.

"It is not permitted to make a statue out of snow, even by way of play and fun."

JIHAD-E-BAY

MATURE BABES SECTION

Fatima holds the world record for taking the most beatings in a life time. Married at the age of 6 her husband recently died of old age, aged 115.

Kaneez is being sold off as she keeps eating the newborn babies of her husband's younger wives. Prone to jealousy and cannibalism, you've been warned.

Aisha's husband died recently and she's looking for a toy boy husband. She claims to offer the best blow jobs in Kabul since she lost her false teeth.

ToysRus
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محمد
Aren't we lucky to have loving husbands that provide for all the family?
Yes Fatima, I also think it's lovely that our kids have common interests too
@KevlarDj
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Videos of the week

Pat Condell - Islam Dismantled In 6 Minutes

No bias, no hypocrisy, no dishonesty.

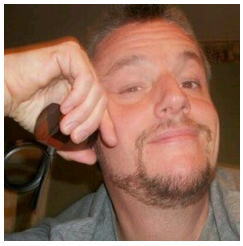
Just straight talking, according to the history, facts and reality.

Jim Jeffries - Unconditional Love

Would God be the life and soul of a party?
Or would he be a party pooper?

Kay Burley of Sky News kicks an islamist's ass

Goggle eyed CAGE spokesman Cerie Bullivant is torn to shreds and exposed as a sympathiser of terrorism by the lovely smiling Kay Burley.



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THE WORLD WON'T LISTEN

In the third week of February 2015, the Anti-Extremism Summit commenced. At the behest of President Barack Obama and the White House, said Summit was held over a three day period and welcomed some world leaders to discuss reasons why someone might become "radicalized" or turn to an "extreme" belief system and engage in acts of terrorism. Remarks by the President and United States attendees centered around the argument that we could curb the desire to join an extreme group by offering better employment opportunities or more integration, less separation in society. Or maybe better, inclusive government. Or maybe education? Yet, for all the time spent on the subject of what draws someone into a radical view, one thing wasn't said: That this summit was really all about Islamism.

If it wasn't for the assassinations at satirical magazine, Charlie Hebdo and the rise of the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, we wouldn't have held this summit. So why not call it what it is? The Anti-Islamism Summit. Well, actually, I can understand why not. It would immediately shut out the world's 1.6 billion Muslims, thinking that their religion was on trial. So calling it Anti-Extremism is fine and would have allowed the Summit to talk about all groups, like neo-nazis, if they wanted to. But they didn't. Without saying it, this was really about what's been happening in Islam's name. So call it Anti-Extremism if you want. But whereas I am certain Adolf Hitler and Mein Kampf would have been brought up to discuss neo-nazis, we never heard about how Islam may be part of the Islamic State.

Islam is a religion.

Muslim is a person who practices the religion of Islam.

Islamism is the desire to govern under the rules of Islam, Sharia Law.

Most Muslims practice bits and pieces of Islam, most ignoring the violent parts, engaging in Ramadan and other peaceful festivals. In summary, they keep it to themselves. Just like most practitioners of other religions, you might not even know someone was a Muslim if you just saw them in a shopping mall unless they wore clothing associated with Islam. Even then you might be wrong.

And then there are the few who want everyone to live under Sharia Law, live under the rules of Islam. These are the Muslims that make up the Islamic State. These are the ones who shoot up cartoonists. These are the ones we are at war with. These are the ones violently working to achieve Islamism.

It is Islamism that should have been put on trial. This is what the Summit danced around. Yet no one said it. Why?

On February 20, 2015, TIME published " Obama is Right Not to talk about 'Islamic' Terrorism ". Said opinion piece claimed that President Obama was right not to say we're at war with Islamic terrorism because doing so would eventually lead people to believe we're at war with Islam itself. In other words, people would start to think all Muslims are terrorists. Maybe. Maybe not. But it is what was on the table without a label at this summit. I suspect there is a taboo so big here that we risk continued violence if we avoid saying it.

My attention to the TIME article was from a Tweet from the Council on American-Islamic Relations (@CAIRNational), clearly in support of the opinion piece and reasoning not to call a spade a spade. And it occurred to me, the problem is going to have to start with Muslim organizations themselves. These organizations are going to have to stop pretending their holy books don't say what they say. It has to start with them. After that, it'll be okay for everyone to say such things. We can poke fun all we want at Moses and Jesus without being shot, right? We've yet to see that kind of tolerance about Muhammed.

What if King Salman of Saudi Arabia held this summit and declared Islam has a problem? What if Iran held such a summit? Here's the point: The problem has to be recognized, named and analyzed by those practicing Islam. Then maybe all of us outsiders can join in without being told we're being bigots or racists. Maybe we'll have some momentum.

A collective group of, primarily atheists, have been pointing out that cases like al-Qaeda and the Islamic State, or Boko Haram or any other organization operating like them, are not radical Islam, but Islam per se. That is, Islam exactly as it's written. I agree. We have it backwards. It isn't the radicals that are

promoting violence. The radicals are the majority of Muslims who don't fight Christians, Jews and unbelievers. The radicals are not the ones who are beheading. The radicals are the Muslims not taking the Qur'an or Hadith seriously, the ones who practice like most Christians and Jews, taking the "good" parts and ignoring the bad. The radicals are the ones who have integrated into a secular society, living under secular rules and laws and not attempting to put their country under Sharia Law. We need Islam's version of Martin Luther, who needs to pin the list of grievances on the doors of Mecca.

Consider the Catholic religion. The Vatican has laid out it's rules: No birth control, no abortions, observe Lent, go through the acts of Catechism and so forth. But lots of Catholics use birth control, have had abortions and still call themselves Catholics. These are the radical Catholics. The real Catholics are the ones practicing Catholicism as close to Vatican orders as possible. The radical Muslims are the majority who operate the same as the radical Catholics. Those adherents that take seriously the exact word of the Qur'an and Hadith, those are the ones to be worried about. Just as I'd worry about a Christian who suggested we bring back Deuteronomy.

I'd like to stop using "radical" to name the problem Muslims. The radicals are the good guys. They are thankfully more numerous and work and play and do business with and make enjoyable company with the rest of us. The problem is Islamism, those Muslims using violence to make everyone convert to Islam. And they are honoring their rule book as close to what is written in it as possible. By not naming the problem, all the wrong reasons for why someone would join the Islamic State or shoot up editors over cartoons is missed. Instead of just saying what the problem is, in order not to offend the majority of Muslim people, we act like it's bad economics or adventure seeking or anything but Islam.

We must say that yes, the world, not just the United States, is at war with Islamism. We are at war with people who wish to force Islam onto the world. Any part of the world that wishes to live free must start calling it like it is. Any part of the world that wishes to not be held hostage to the rules held in an old book, written by a not so humble merchant thirteen-hundred-years ago.

According to the Wikipedia article on the Smiths' album, "The World Won't Listen", the reason Morrissey named it such was out of his frustration with radio and record buyers ignoring his band. I couldn't help but title this essay the same, feeling like an outsider, an atheist but raised as a Catholic, trying to make the world listen.

I'm afraid we'll end up with more cartoonists dying over this ideology or men and women joining groups like the Islamic State, until Islam has its reformation. Until we stop thinking these men and women are joining these groups because they don't have a good education or jobs or enough likes on Facebook, we'll never solve this.

The first step is getting Muslim organizations and governments to admit the Islamic State is practicing according to the orders laid out in their holy books. Second is to admit that today (never mind back then) living under such orders is not reasonable. Third, calling for a complete separation of mosque and state.

Then...the President of the United States can say it.
Then...other world leaders can say it.
Then...everyone can say it.
Then...the world will listen.

@causticbob has a wonderful habit of offending everyone.

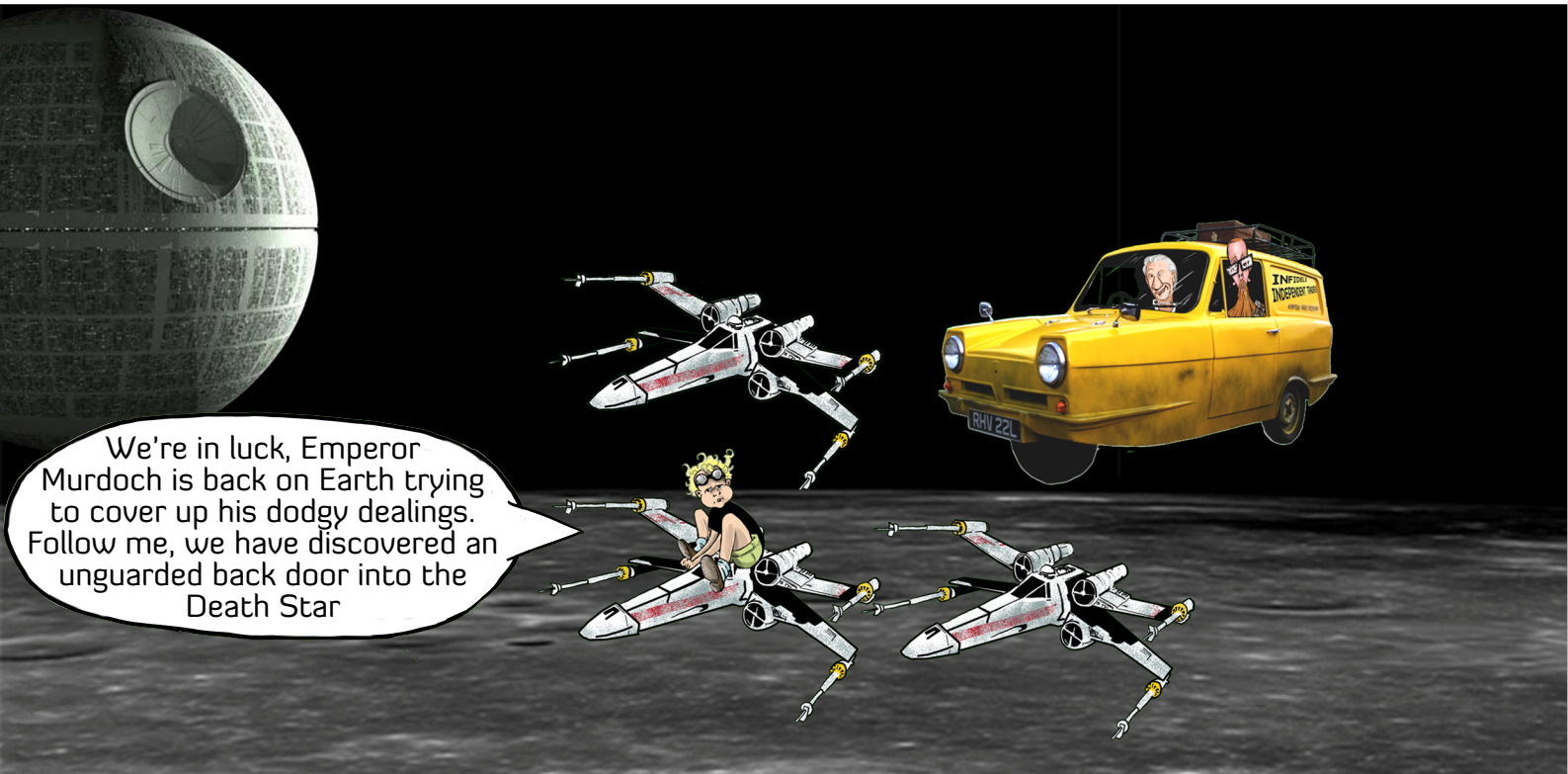
Whether you're black, white, yellow or brown. Male, female, gay, left wing, right wing, racist or stupid; You're a target.....

Religion versus Atheism

A Christian, a Jew, a Muslim and an atheist were flying in a plane when it developed engine trouble. It headed into a steep nosedive and was sure to crash. The Christian looks to heaven and starts praying. "Oh, Jesus, if you save me, I promise I will become a missionary and spread your gospel throughout the globe". The Jew looks to heaven and starts praying "Oh, Yahweh, if you save me I will go to Israel and work the rest of my life trying to eradicate the Palestinian pestilence". The Muslim kneels and starts praying "Oh, Muhammad, if you save me I will spend the rest of my days bringing fire down on the infidels". The atheist says "Hey guys, if you pass me the lone parachute, I promise to visit Milwaukee". The other three ask, in unison "How will you spend the rest of your days in thanks for being saved?". The atheist replies "Well, I don't know. But one thing I do know is that I will never go flying with other atheists"

SPEECH WARS

Episode four. Whilst Moe and his Muslamic hoards are licking their wounds after a crushing defeat on Planet Hebdo, the Secular Alliance plan to expose Emperor Murdoch, in the hope of waking up the useful idiots that wander around brainwashed, muttering "Nothing to do with Islam". The plan hinges on securing the help of Princess Hopkins who is current held prisoner.....



Meanwhile back on Earth, the evil Emperor has flooded the newspapers with his victory on Planet Hebdo. Vive Charlie is amongst the only printed media prepared to publish the truth.

So far so good my apprentice, we've managed to censor all crimes of Islamic cultural extremism from the press

I've also ordered a media blackout on the blasphemy demo in and on unmarked halal in supermarkets, schools and hospitals

We need to make sure we keep demonising people by labelling them Islamophobic and racist if they mention any of these subjects

Don't worry Master the useful idiots are like a medieval lynch mob

I've just tweeted that Murdoch is a terrorist appeasing scumbag that's been taking bungs to cover up the huge scale of Islamic cultural extremism

Me too, but I've been a bit more eloquent

Very sensitive are you my young Padawan learner, the 'Pink Side' I sense in you. Princess, inform your contacts at Vive Charlie TV

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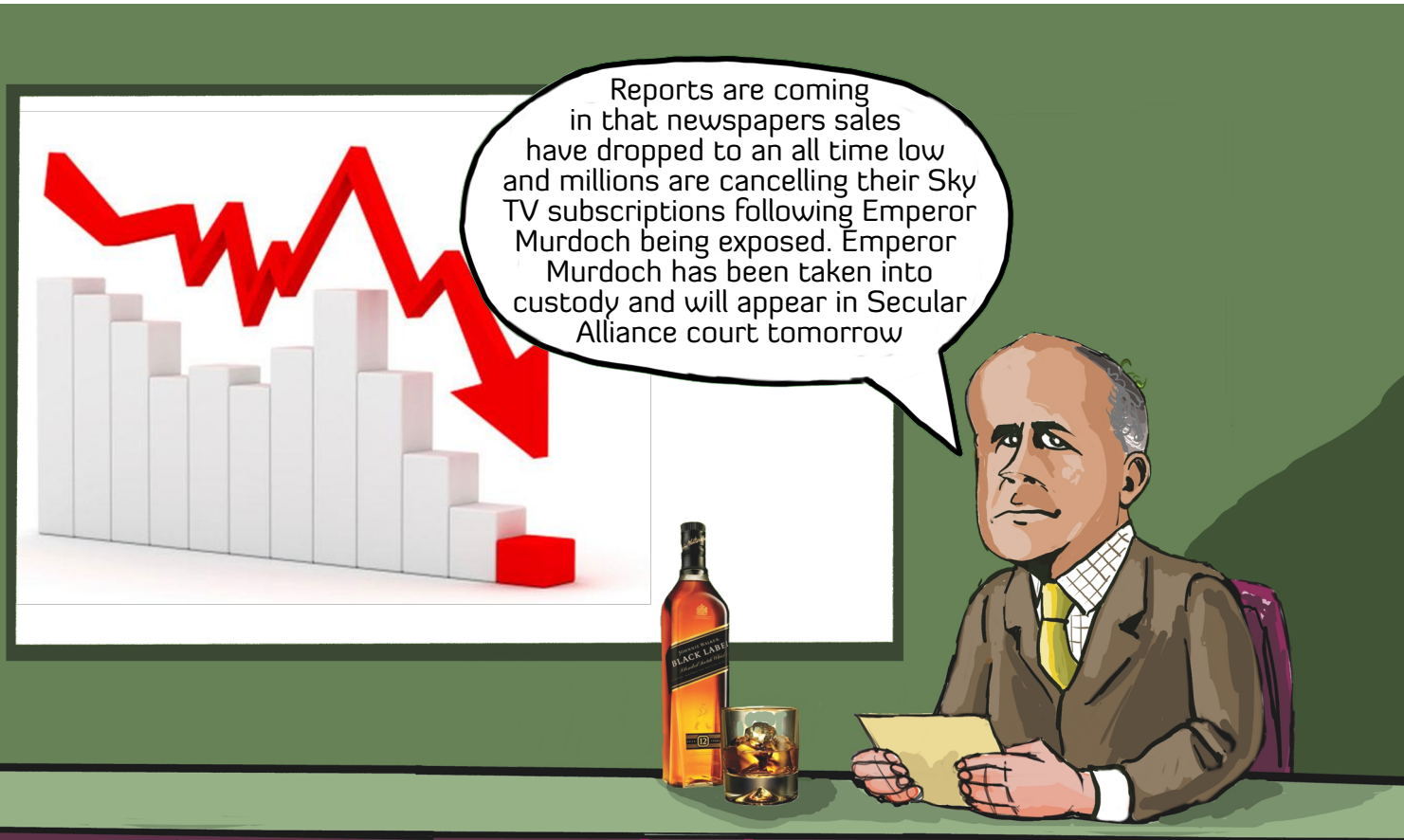
BREAKING NEWS

Murdoch has been exposed taking bribes from Muslamic oil states in return for failing to report on cases of Muslamic cultural extremism. People are already protesting outside Sky TV HQ



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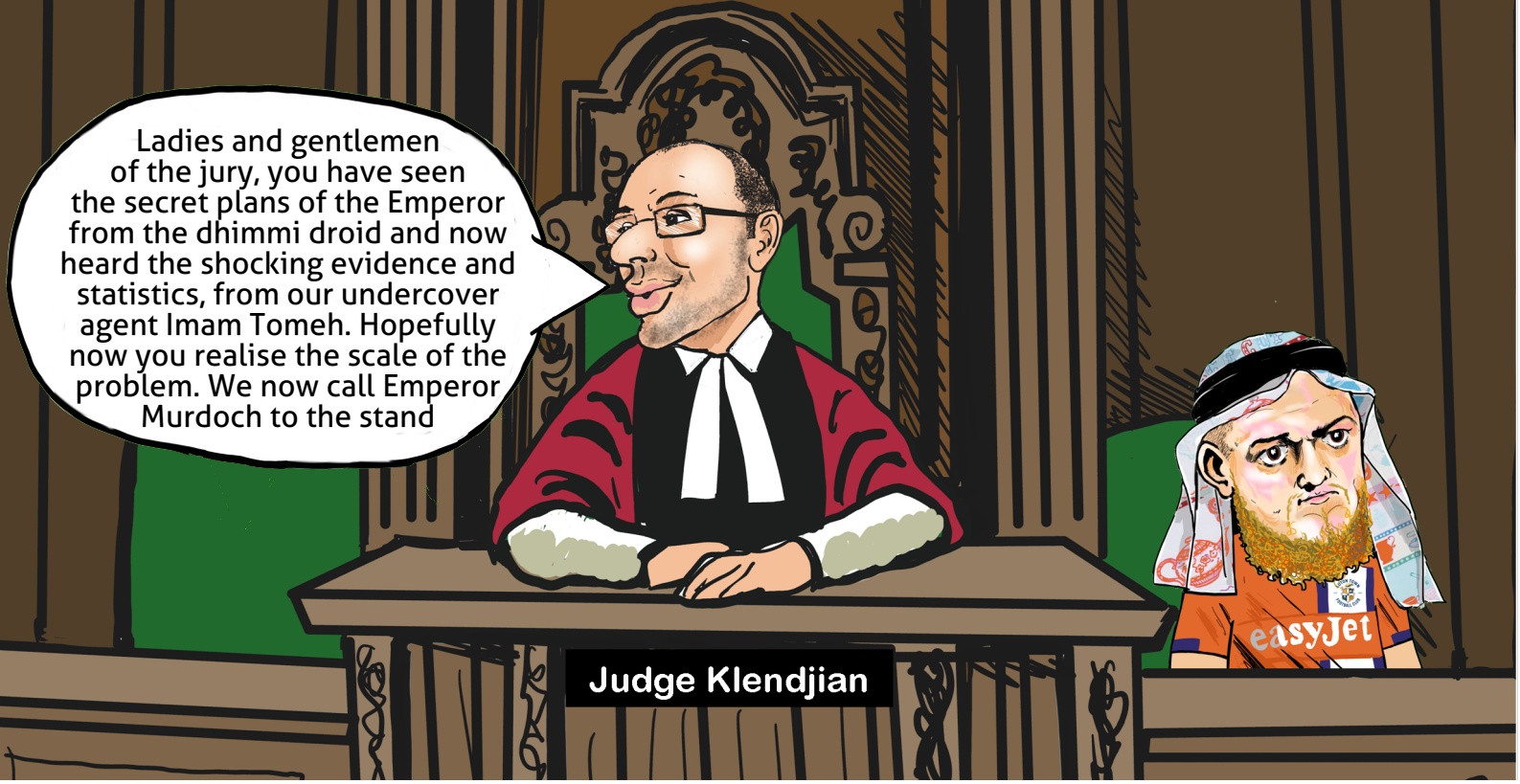


Join us next week for episode 5 of Speech Wars when we will find out the fate of the Evil Emperor and discover what happens when Moe returns back to Earth from his battering on planet Hebdo. What will he do when he finds out that blasphemy laws and media censorship have taken a good beating too?

SPEECH WARS

VOICE is a UK charitable organisation set up to help victims of Islamic related crime in the UK.

Despite representing less than 7% of the UK population, 14% of the UK prison population are Muslim and their victims are frequently accused of provoking them.

Victims Of Islamic Cultural Extremism. Why not victims of any other religion or victims of organised crime? Muslims are not responsible for all the grooming of young girls in the UK, nor are they responsible for all of the violence that happens on our streets where non Muslim youths are the victims, so why are we singling out Muslim related crime? Quite simply, because for far too long these crimes have been swept under the carpet and ignored by the authorities for fear of being labelled racist.

Muslims routinely hand their young daughters into slavery (arranged marriages to much older men) and have set up their own court system to justify their actions (there are now Sharia courts operating throughout the UK). FGM is another serious Islamic related issue to which authorities seem to turn a blind eye, but if a non-Muslim family cut off their daughter's clitoris they would almost certainly be prosecuted and jailed.

In the case of the young girls being targeted by Muslim grooming gangs, there is a clear sectarian element to these attacks. The victims are never "good Muslim girls" but exclusively non Muslim working class girls who are viewed as "easy meat" and "fair game". The justification for such attacks can be found in Islamic teachings and indeed various "Muslim leaders" and Muslim run schools have made alarming comments about the victims being little better than prostitutes, as though that gave these men justification for their rape and abuse. In Rotherham they hid behind the race card and blamed cultural differences.

In the case of non-Muslim male victims of Muslim targeted crime we all know about the brutal killing of Lee Rigby ("which had nothing to do with Islam"). So far Woolwich local council have refused to have a proper memorial at the actual site of his killing because "it may become a shrine to far right extremists". But how many of you have heard of a 15 year old Scottish lad named Kriss Donald? He was kidnapped by a group of Muslim youths in 2004 intent on revenge for a supposed slur on their religion during an argument in a nightclub. They targeted Kriss, kidnapped him, and during a 200 mile car ride subjected him to the most horrific torture before stabbing him 13 times, dousing him in petrol and setting him on fire.

Although the Muslim youths involved were convicted of "racially motivated murder" the local council refused permission for his family and friends to hold a remembrance service at the scene of his murder last year to mark the 10th anniversary of his death in case it inflamed tensions with the local Muslim community. We would like to help the families of victims such as Kriss and Lee, to challenge such decisions.

However, we are not just trying to help non-Muslim victims. We also aim to help Muslim women who have been victims of Muslim related crime. FGM is a particularly barbaric practice which was made illegal in the UK in 1985. As yet it's a crime for which no one has been successfully prosecuted. We believe that if the parents of any girl who has suffered such grievous bodily harm, and that's what FGM is, are living in the UK they should be prosecuted for arranging to have this done to their daughters. We would very much like to help a victim bring such a case to court.

Another of our aims is to help Muslim women living in fear of their male relatives, perhaps because they are dating an "unsuitable" man and fear becoming a victim of honour killing by their outraged fathers or brothers; or maybe they are having doubts about their faith. Islamic "apostasy law" means that it is a crime to renounce Islam punishable by death and whilst a man may do so and probably survive here in the UK, it is that much harder for a woman to escape from her zealous relatives. Many simply do not have their own credit cards and money with which to plan and execute their escape. We would like to help.

Vive Charlie has taken up the battle for freedom of speech where our mainstream media have so shamefully failed: Nous Somme Charlie they certainly aren't. VOICE hopes to confront those issues that have been swept under the carpet in the name of political correctness and to help those who have suffered as a result.

Anne Marie Waters and David Britain, co-founders of VOICE

@VOICE_ukorg

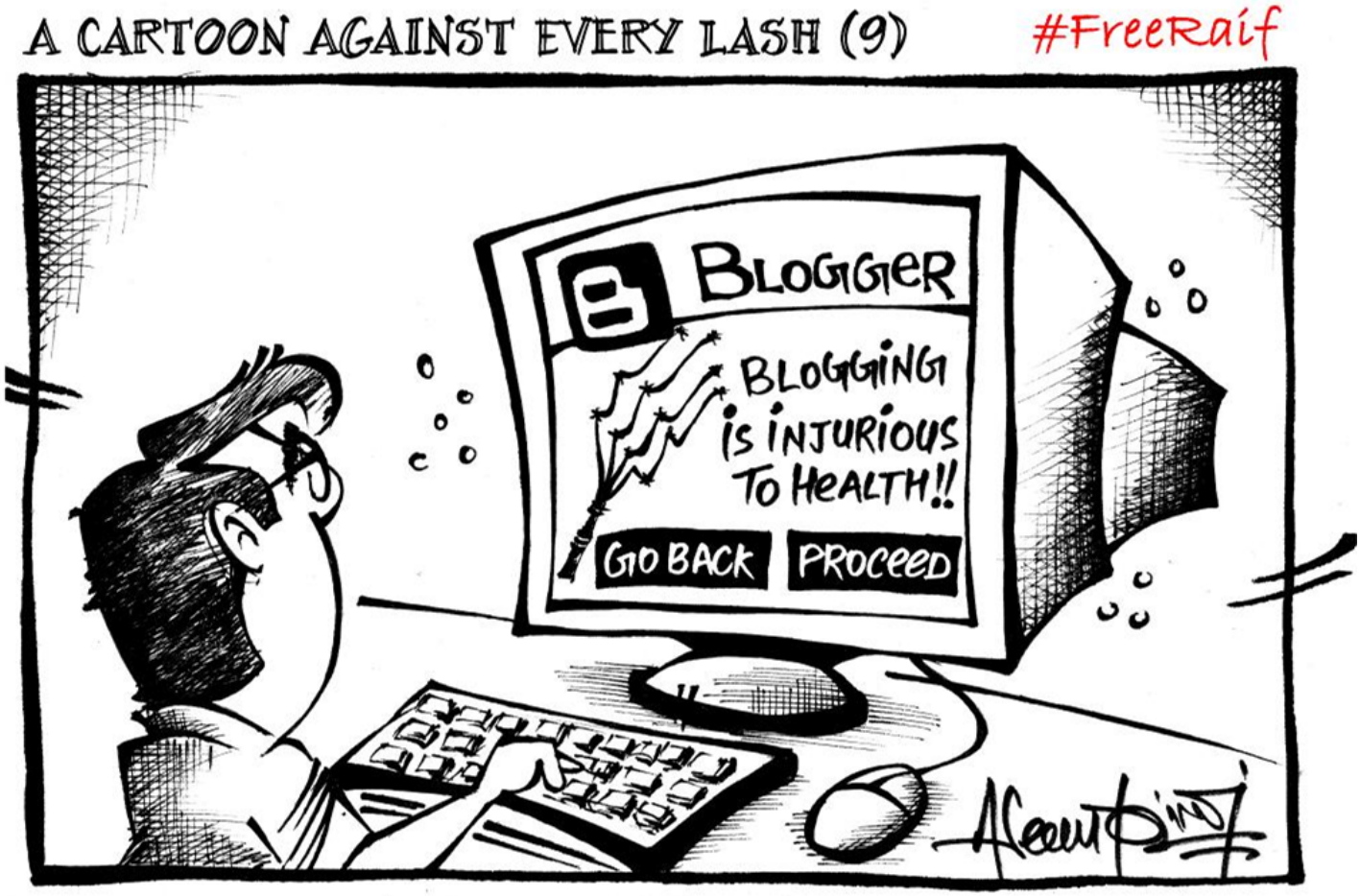
FREE RAIF BADAWI

Raif Badawi was arrested in 2012 on a charge of insulting Islam through electronic channels and brought to court on several charges including apostasy. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison and 1,000 lashes for setting up a website that championed free speech in Saudi Arabia. His blog, the Saudi Free Liberals Forum, was shut down after his arrest in 2012.

The first 50 were administered on January 9, 2015. The next four sessions were postponed due to Badawi's poor health. However, the most recent session has been postponed, not on medical grounds, but due to the global outrage and pressure.

In the last few days it has been reported that Raif may face a retrial and could be facing the death penalty for apostasy, so we must keep up the pressure.

Amnesty International has a petition with over a million signatures already added. We encourage all our readers to sign this petition by clicking HERE



Aseem Trivedi is an independent cartoonist and free speech activist from New Delhi, India. He is creating a cartoon for each of the 50 lashes Raif Badawi has received. Above is number 7 in his series of 50. Vive Charlie will be featuring his cartoons each week so please follow him on twitter.
@aseem_trivedi

Vive Charlie - Idiots Gallery

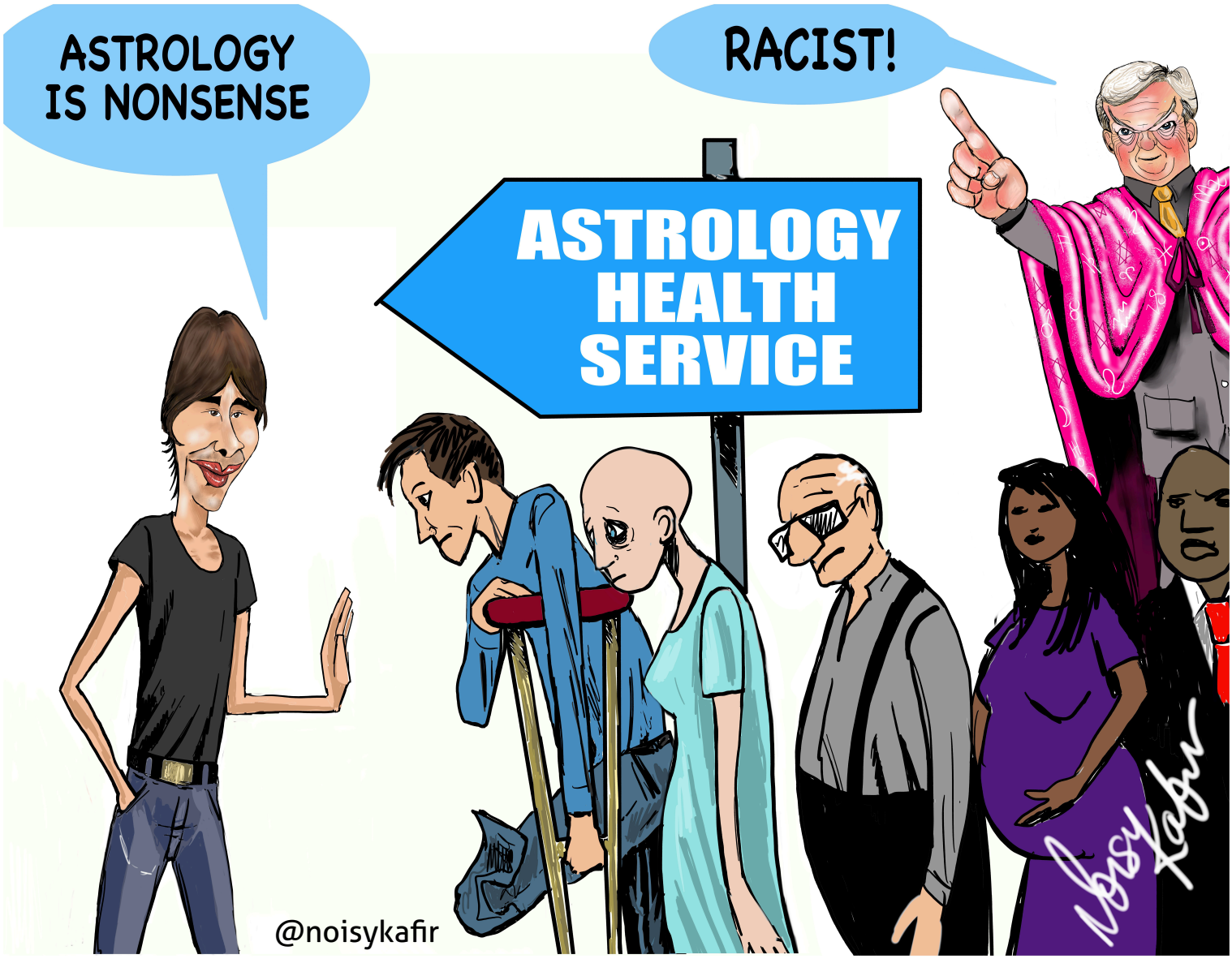
David Tredinnick, a Tory MP, has claimed NHS over-crowding could be solved by doctors using astrology to treat patients. He said consulting the stars would take huge pressure off doctors and predicts astrology will have a role to play in healthcare.

"I do foresee that one day astrology will have a role to play in healthcare" said Tredinnick. He added that opponents to astrology were bullies, saying: "Astrology offers self-understanding to people".

"People who oppose what I say are usually bullies who have never studied astrology. People such as Professor Brian Cox, who called astrology 'rubbish' have simply not studied the subject".

"The BBC is quite dismissive of astrology and seeks to promote the science perspective and seems always keen to broadcast criticisms of astrology."

Bizarrely, Tredinnick, 65, who is chairman of the All-Party Group for Integrated Healthcare, went on to say people who opposed astrology were "racist".



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Je Suis Charlie: Is freedom of speech worth dying for? Is antipathy worth killing for?

By LSS member Jay Marshall @j4ymarshall

"We have it in our power to begin the world over again." – Thomas Paine

The French satirical publication Charlie Hebdo had attracted attention in recent times for its depictions of Mohammed, the prophet of Islam, and it had caused a good deal of controversy.

On 7 January 2015 two masked men attacked the magazine's offices. The assailants were armed (with weapons including an AK47 assault rifle). They killed twelve people, including the magazine's editor Stéphane Charbonnier and two police officers. They injured eleven people.

The killers shouted "Allahu Akbar". This is the "Takbir" of Islam and it translates as "God is [the] greatest" or "God is great".

Over the course of a couple of days other attacks were committed around Paris including one at a Kosher supermarket in Porte de Vincennes.

In the wake of these events which shook the world, there have been a number of gatherings and protests in many western states all under the banner of the slogan "Je Suis Charlie", openly showing disgust at the attacks, glorifying the right to freedom of speech, and lionising the magazine Charlie Hebdo.

However, certain Islamic states, such as Iran, have openly condemned Charlie Hebdo, claiming that the prevention of blasphemy is more important than freedom of speech. What can we learn from all this?

Freedom of speech and expression, or freedom from it?

"I do not agree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."
– Source unclear, often misattributed to Voltaire

"What is freedom of expression? Without the freedom to offend, it ceases to exist."
– Salman Rushdie

What is freedom of speech and expression? It is a freedom which dates back as far as the Roman Republic. It is the right of an individual to express and communicate their opinions whether verbally or materially.

It is not absolute. Like all rights there are limitations – such as when an opinion turns into hate speech or some form of threat which impedes other people's rights. What we need to ask ourselves, then, is: does offensive material count as hate speech?

Winston Churchill once witted, "some people's idea of free speech is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone else says anything back, that is an outrage". Opinions, whether they are critical or comical, are by their nature targeted to an audience. But if you don't like those opinions because they contradict your own views or offend you, does that mean you have the right to silence them? I should think not. Let's make some distinctions.

There are three individuals called A, B and C.
Person A says, "I don't like The Fried Chicken Shop. The food they sell is disgusting."
Person B says, "The Fried Chicken Shop causes people to get AIDS."
Person C says, "I'm going to blow up the Fried Chicken Shop."

Person A has the right to say what he says, as it is his opinion and it is harmless. If someone is upset by it, so what?
Person B has made a speculative statement, which is potentially defaming another. If The Fried Chicken Shop does actually cause people to get AIDS he would have a valid legal defence.
Person C has made a statement of his future intentions which are violently threatening his potential victim's rights.

So therefore persons B and C don't have the right to make their statements without some form of legal consequence.

Now this distinction has been made, let's look at it

in the context of Charlie Hebdo. Whether the magazine intended to cause offence, or actually caused offence, quickly becomes completely irrelevant to the question of whether they should be allowed to print their publications. There is no evidence that the magazine ever displayed articles which threatened Muslims in any shape or form. I don't know whether Charlie Hebdo have ever defamed anyone, but even if they have, the legal remedies would not have involved an AK47. However, the attackers most certainly breached the rights of the people they murdered and injured.

Funny papers, or troublemakers?

"My own opinion is enough for me, and I claim the right to have it defended against any consensus, any majority, anywhere, any place, any time. And anyone who disagrees with this can pick a number, get in line, and kiss my ass."
– Christopher Hitchens

"The problem with today's world is that everyone believes they have the right to express their opinion AND have others listen to it."
– Professor Brian Cox

We have established that Charlie Hebdo had the right to print its images of Mohammed. The next question which needs to be asked is whether they should have printed them.

Some have argued that they shouldn't have been putting up such images in the first place as they were, in essence, "asking for it" – especially when they released a picture of the prophet Mohammed sobbing whilst saying "C'est dur d'être aimé par des cons" ("It's hard being loved by jerks").

We have stumbled into a world where criticism and even mockery of political, economic and other ideas is absolutely fine, whereas criticism or mockery of religion (which is simply another set of ideas) has some form of impunity. Criticism or mockery of religion is seen somehow as improper, disrespectful or "offensive".

Karl Marx said in the introduction to his Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right: "Criticism of religion has plucked the flowers from the chain, not in order that man shall continue to bear the chain without fantasy or consolation, but so that he will cast off the chain and pluck the living flower".

The freedom to critique ideas, whatever they may be, and however offensive some people might find it, is just as important now as it has ever been. A troublemaker or a contrarian is simply someone by nature who doesn't follow with the consensus of the general population unless there is reason to. So the magazine may well be both troublemaker and a funny paper. The magazine staff were well aware of the risks of their endeavours; a fire-bombing of their offices in 2011 having failed to deter them from depicting Mohammed. They clearly held strong beliefs, and they had every right to continue challenging the status quo.

The magazine had a clear right to depict the images – and there is no onus on them or their supporters to justify the decision to do so. The onus of proof is on others to explain why they shouldn't.

Good Muslims, or terrorists?

"Democracy is in the blood of Musalmans, who look upon complete equality of manhood and believe in fraternity, equality and liberty."
– Muhammad Ali Jinnah, founder of Pakistan

"I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them."
– Qur'an (8:12)

What is a good Muslim? When you ask most westernised Muslims this question they might say things such as remembering to be good to others, to be humble and modest, to value everything we have in life, and to recognise the existence of Allah, whose power is beyond our imagining and whose prophet is Mohammed. If you ask whether they believe apostates ought to be killed, many might automatically say "no", even though one can find justification in the Qur'an for doing so.

If you were to ask a more radical Muslim what their idea of a good Muslim is, they might say to remember that the Qur'an is the literal word of God, and that every word is to be taken as truth, otherwise it mocks Allah. If you were to ask a radical Muslim if apostates ought to be killed, they might say "If it is Allah's word, my opinion doesn't matter".

Cherif and Said Kouachi were the two assailants that attacked the Charlie Hebdo building. Both have been linked to participation in jihadi operations and organisations. But here's the issue: were they devoted Muslims? Or were they just thugs looking for an excuse? Or is Islam itself violent in its nature?

Well, there can be no denying that they were devout

to their faith, as it is part of jihadi fundamentalism to be willing to dedicate (potentially even give) your life to destroying 'The West' for global reformation and to proselytise Islam. To say that they were just monsters that wanted an excuse to kill already brings an assumption that people by nature desire the death of others. This kind of view can be just as dangerous as theirs, as the method of dehumanising the assailants only draws out the violent nature in people's minds which makes them demand vengeance. It also demands the question, if all they wanted was to kill, why is a religious excuse necessary?

Which brings us to the final question: is Islam a violent religion? It is fair to say that Islam does provide a justification for violence in the Haddith and in the Qur'an; however violence is not unique to Islam. All the Abrahamic faiths have some justification for violence and other crimes in their holy books. Today, though, their scriptures don't tend to be applied at the point of an AK47.
Sit in silence, or cause a fuss?

"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable."
– John F. Kennedy

"Despair is typical of those who do not understand the causes of evil, see no way out, and are incapable of struggle."
– Vladimir Ilich Lenin

What can we learn from this travesty? It is apparent that France's secular policies are undoubtedly effective and upstanding. They show that government and politics are far more operative without religious affiliations. But what should the legacy of the Charlie Hebdo shootings be? Those working for Charlie Hebdo are not afraid of speaking up for themselves. They're not afraid to express their views whatever the intimidation and indeed the consequences. They have tremendous courage. Maybe we all ought to follow in their example and begin to stand up for what we believe in. We should learn never to put up with hate and intolerance, and we should challenge any views we want to. We should learn to think for ourselves.

But mostly, we should consider just how important secularism is, as a way of bringing religious ideologies and religious practices firmly within the bounds of criticism and scrutiny. The essential ingredient for that task is free speech – and plenty of it.

"I am not afraid of retaliation. I'd rather die standing than live on my knees."
– Stéphane Charbonnier

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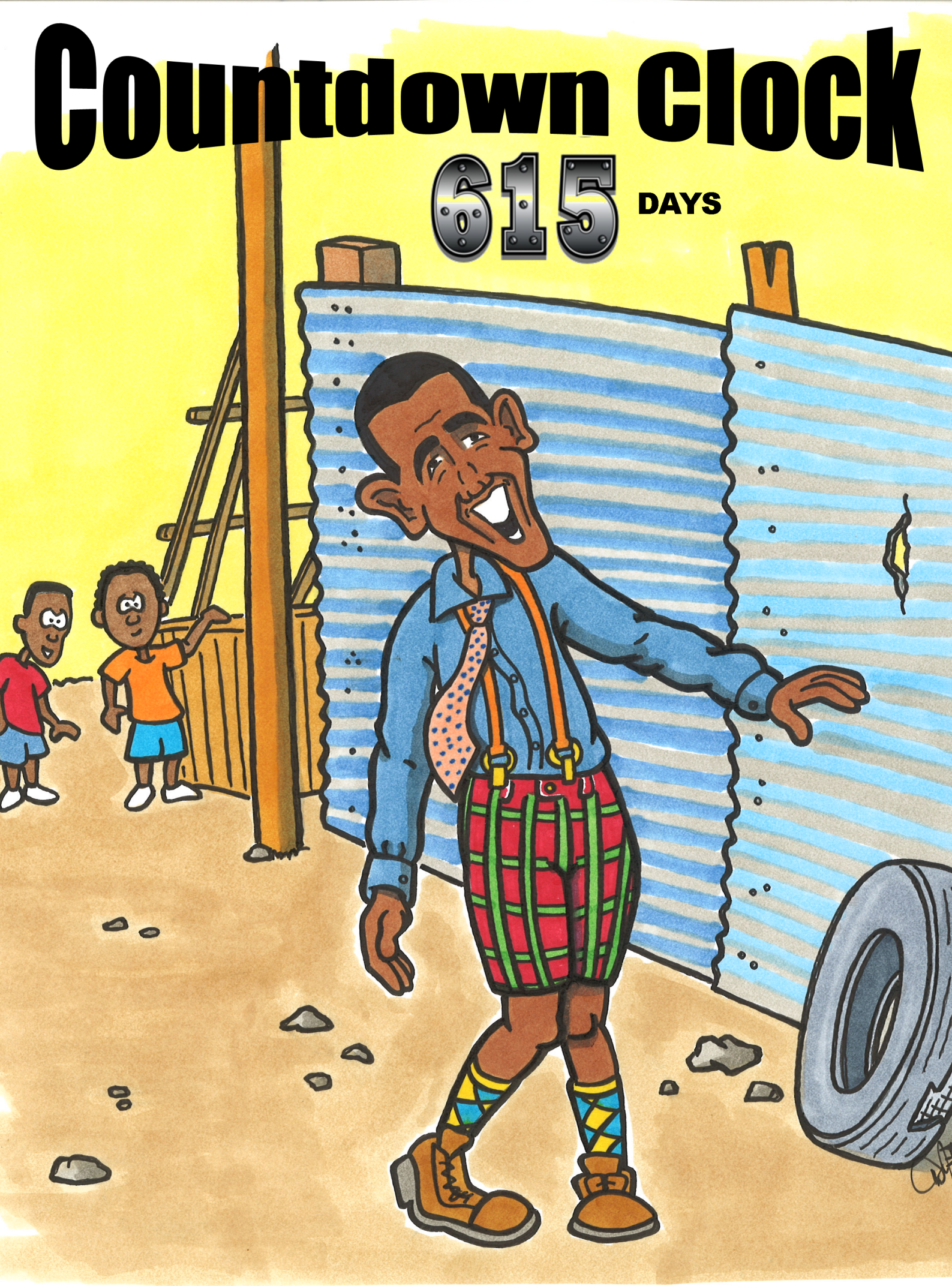

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Skilled in the art of Jew Jitsu and armed with a deadly Zionist ray gun, Jihadist Joooo is responsible for most of the worlds conspiracies, natural disasters and, of course, for funding and training ISIS, Al-Qaeda, Boko Haram and Hamas